

## POLICY HELD TO BE EXTRAVAGANT

MAJOR CRITICISM FOR STATE UNIVERSITY IN REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

## PRAISE MIXED WITH BLAME

Suggested That Scientific Farming and Agricultural Training Be Confined To Experiment Station—Probers Into Charges Against Judge Sampson Find Fault But Do Not Recommend Impeachment.

(By Ernest W. Helm.)

Frankfort, Ky.—Various matters for criticism are set out in the report of the senate investigation committee on its inquiry into affairs at State university, though it is said that in part conditions are better than in the past. Discipline is held to be lax and buildings uncleanly. Extravagance is charged.

The report says: "The university pays a woman living in Lexington for delivering 35 lectures a year of one hour's length each at a salary of \$1,000. Recently a bookkeeper was hired and paid at the rate of \$3 an hour for 600 hours, a total of \$1,800. Eighty-seven instructors in the university proper, with salaries aggregating \$129,912.88, devote on an average but three hours and twelve minutes a day to instruction.

### Dual Compensation Condemned.

"A bad practice prevails of allowing one person to draw several salaries, and a much worse practice is also in vogue of allowing persons employed by the university to be engaged and draw substantial salaries outside the university, and even in some instances of allowing persons who draw large salaries from the university to prosecute their private business. This, we think, can not be too strongly condemned. We are impressed with the idea that those in charge of the university are making an earnest effort to improve conditions.

"From our investigation we believe the teaching of scientific farming and agricultural training should be confined to the State Agricultural Experiment Station, where the equipment is adequate and the efficiency all that could be desired."

The committee reported on the Normal and Industrial Institute for Negroes. Friction in the management is deprecated, but conduct of the institution is praised.

### Report in Sampson Case.

The house impeachment committee recommended that "no articles of impeachment be brought against Judge F. M. Sampson," of the thirty-fourth judicial district. The house concurred in the report without a dissenting vote. It is set forth in the report that "there is not a scintilla of testimony to show that any of his decisions have been corrupt, or that he has been influenced improperly by the use of railroad passes, or by any other means." Continuing, the report says: "The testimony in this case shows that Judge Sampson has been guilty of practices for which he should be severely condemned. His conduct has not at all times been with that high sense of judicial ethics and probity that should generally characterize a state judiciary. His conduct has not been such as to reflect credit either on himself or his district, nor has he deported himself in such a manner as to entirely keep or to merit the confidence of his people."

### Committee's Ideal Jurist.

"A judge should so conduct himself that the respect for the judicial branch of our government would amount to reverence. This confidence has in most cases been deserved and maintained by the men occupying judicial positions in this state. A judge should be the personification of integrity, of honor and of uprightness in his walk and conversation. He should hold his exalted office and the administration of justice above the sordid desire to accumulate wealth. He should be free and unaffected by any bias born of avarice and unhampered by improper obligations. There is nothing in the record, however, to show that this judge has prostituted his high judicial office for personal profit or that he has attempted in any way to commercialize his potentiality as a judge."

### Investigation Called Off.

The proposed legislative investigation of the penal conditions in Kentucky has been called off. The prison labor contractors at the Kentucky reformatory decided not to make a formal complaint. They were advised by their attorneys that the legislature was without authority to grant the relief sought.

### Petitions Are Read.

Six petitions were read asking for the passage of the Glenn bill to increase the powers of the Insurance Rating Board. Three were received opposing the measure. A number of petitions favoring the passage of a law prohibiting steel traps to catch fur-bearing animals on the property of another without permission were filed. The senate and house unanimously passed the bill providing for the manner of electing United States Senators by popular vote.

### Appeal Bill Is Passed.

A bill of Representative McNally, of Louisville, giving the right of appeal in all criminal cases in inferior courts, except in the Louisville Police Court, was passed.

The anti-loan shark bill was reported favorably. The measure exempting motor vehicles from a city license tax received a favorable report.

Representative McNally's bill providing that an accident or health insurance policy may not be canceled without the consent of the insured, unless procured by fraud, went in the orders of the day.

The bill providing for the appointment of county boards of health comprising three physicians, the county judge and the county attorney, was reported favorably. The measure empowers the board to erect hospitals for the isolation of such diseases as tuberculosis and the hookworm and to abolish the local boards of health.

### Tobacco Marketing Act.

Senator Overstreet introduced a bill requiring tobacco warehouse men, handling loose leaf tobacco, to post the number of pounds sold and the price obtained at the close of each day's sale.

Senator Scott offered a measure that provides for the adoption of a flag for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The flag is to be blue silk, bearing the emblem "United We Stand; Divided We Fall."

February 12 is made a legal holiday in memory of Abraham Lincoln, in a bill introduced by Senator Bagby.

Senator Porter, who has smallpox, was given an indefinite leave of absence.

Governor McCreary notified the senate that he had approved and signed the act which creates a building commission to administer funds for erecting and equipping county buildings.

### Democrats To Have Banquet.

Representative Stanley F. Reed, Mason county, chairman of the Young Men's Democratic League of Kentucky, and others interested have succeeded in perfecting plans for one of the most representative gatherings of the Democrats of the state held in years. It will be marked by a banquet to be given in the Capital hotel here February 27, and plates will be provided for 250 diners. Assistant Secretary of War Henry S. Breckinridge, of Lexington, has accepted an invitation to respond to a toast at the young men's banquet. Former Gov. Joseph W. Folk, of Missouri, now solicitor general of the United States; Dudley Field Malone, collector of the port of New York, and Johnson N. Camden, of Versailles, are also expected to deliver addresses at the banquet.

### Act to Relock Prison Doors.

There seems to be no doubt that the legislature will at once begin considering a bill to amend or repeal the indeterminate sentence law. One bill to repeal the law is now pending, but a new bill will be introduced. The prison population at the Frankfort Reformatory is 3,496, of whom 1,059 are under contract in the prison shops. Two hundred are eligible to parole and it is probable that 400 more will be eligible in the next six months. Under the decision of the court of appeals requiring paroles at the end of the minimum sentence of all prisoners who have conformed to the rules of the reformatory.

### Revision of Tax System.

The House has taken up in earnest the work of considering the voluminous bill looking to a revision of Kentucky's tax system. This measure, drafted by a special commission, was reported without expression of opinion by the house committee on revenue and taxation, the members of that committee being unable to agree, and as a result the house membership, as a whole, can take it up section by section. Many are of the opinion that the general assembly will be unable to agree upon any tax measure of real consequence during the present session.

## CAPITAL CHAT

W. L. Spahn, of Kenton county, employed by the house as a member of the extra corps, died at a hotel.

Representative Reed's bill provides that the judges of the court of appeals and circuit judges shall be nominated in the regular primary in the same manner as other officers.

The committee on agriculture reported favorably a bill providing for the inspection of agriculture seeds and the establishment of a standard of purity, and requiring proper labeling of packages of seeds for sale.

The bill of Representative Walton, prohibiting the attorney general or his assistants or judicial officers of the commonwealth from holding employment under any public service corporation, was reported favorably.

Former Senator H. M. Froman, of Ghent, member of the state board of agriculture, and Matt Cohen, a horseman, both have authorized the announcement of their candidacy for the Democratic nomination for commissioner of agriculture.

J. A. Judy, Democrat, of Mt. Sterling, successor to the late Samuel Turley, and A. T. Bryson, Republican, of Greenup county, successor to the late Representative J. A. Scott, took the oath of office as members of the house.

## GAS COMPLAINT GOES HIGHER

LEXINGTON TAKES BILLS TO ATTORNEY GENERAL CHARGING ABUSE OF POWER.

## GRAND JURY INVESTIGATES

Merger of Coal Companies Will Mean Expenditure of Millions in Mountain Development—Ptomaines in Defective Provender Found To Have Caused Death of Horses and Cattle.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Lexington, Ky.—Encouragement was given those who have been complaining of their gas bills when County Attorney Hogan L. Yancey announced that he had an interview with Attorney General Garnett concerning the charges made by the gas consumers, and that he expected the attorney general to take action. Mr. Yancey declared that he believes legal steps can be taken to forfeit the charter of the gas company if it should be found to have been oppressive or unjust. He cited a constitutional and a statutory section of the state laws providing for the "forfeiture of charters of corporations guilty of abuse of powers."

The statutory section, together with the constitutional act, provides that in cases of "abuse of power the attorney general of the state shall take steps necessary for the revocation of the charter in question." The Fayette county grand jury is investigating the complaints of citizens.

### MERGER MEANS DEVELOPMENT.

Whitesburg, Ky.—The consolidation of coal companies of Letcher county, including the Slemo Coal Co., the Letcher Coal Co., the Kentucky River Coal Co., and others, each owning large areas of coal lands, into one corporation has been effected.

For several weeks such an arrangement has been under advisement by the several companies. As arranged, the new corporation will expend millions in development of a number of industrial cities, similar to Jenkins, McRoberts and Fleming. Thousands will be given employment.

### PTOMAINES KILL LIVE STOCK.

Lancaster, Ky.—Dr. H. L. Casey, assistant veterinarian in the department of agriculture, returned to Danville from Adair county, where he went at the direction of State Commissioner of Agriculture J. W. Newman to investigate the death of eleven horses within thirty-six hours from eating defective provender. Dr. Casey found that cured feed had developed ptomaine poison. Several cases were reported to him of cattle having died in that county from the same kind of poisoning.

### POULTRY EXPERT IS SECURED.

Lexington, Ky.—H. W. Rickey, of the bureau of animal industry, United States department of agriculture, Washington, has been secured to co-operate with the experiment station in the poultry department to do poultry club work in a few counties this year and to give lectures wherever it is thought well to develop poultry interests. Mr. Rickey will work directly with farmers and farmer boys and girls in the developing of individual poultry in this rather than with commercial poultrymen. He comes to Lexington from Kingston, R. I., where he was head of poultry demonstration in the College of Agriculture.

### BOONE HEIRS MAY GET CLAIM.

Winchester, Ky.—The court of claims at Washington has reported with favorable recommendation the claim of the heirs of George Boone, late of Winchester, for \$2,500 as compensation for liquors taken from a tavern by federal troops in 1862. The heirs are: Henry Boone; Winchester; Cliff Boone, Kiddleville, and Sam M. Boone, of Danville.

### QUICK JUSTICE DISPATCHED.

Williamstown, Ky.—Alex. McCann, negro, was tried and convicted of murder in the first degree and given a life sentence in the penitentiary. McCann was charged with killing John Bryson in a Queen & Crescent boarding car eight days ago.

### TEN THOUSAND VACCINATED.

Lexington, Ky.—More than 10,000 citizens of Lexington have been vaccinated within the last two weeks, according to the statement given out by City Health Officer N. R. Simmons, who adds that the city physicians are still at work.

### JURY FAILED TO AGREE.

Georgetown, Ky.—For the second time a jury failed to agree in the case of the Commonwealth against Church Barkley, charged with the murder of Dr. J. W. Davis.

### ASSESSMENTS ARE INCREASED.

Lancaster, Ky.—The Lincoln county board of supervisors added \$375,592 to the valuation of property as shown by the assessor's list, making a total of \$7,026,871.

## NEW INTERURBAN SYSTEM

Du Pont Interests Will Link Together Various Towns.

Central City, Ky.—Gen. T. C. Du Pont and his associates have announced that the street car line from Central City to Greenville and from Central City to Drakesboro will be built. The articles of incorporation show that the capital stock is to be \$300,000 with an authorized indebtedness of \$500,000. The line has been surveyed and work will begin as soon as weather will permit, the line from Central City to Greenville being the first that will be built, as this will take in about six towns between here and the county seat. Later a line will be constructed to Green river to connect with the large turbine power plant which is to be erected there to supply all the mines within a radius of 50 miles with power. The men who will build the interurban also plan to build the power plant and they will secure their fuel from the 30 mines which their line will reach.

## SPLITWORM PREVENTION

Department of Agriculture Gives Advice as to Tobacco Pest.

Lexington, Ky.—Advance excerpts of an agricultural bulletin on "How To Prevent the Tobacco Splitworm" have been received here. Transplant the tobacco crop as early as possible in order to mature it before the appearance of the most destructive generation of the tobacco splitworm. The bulletin advises, when the early infestation is very severe, it is recommended that the infected leaves be primed off and destroyed, also, destroy all tobacco stubble as soon as the crop is harvested, to prevent the breeding of a hibernating generation; clean up and destroy all trash in and around fields and tobacco barns; do not follow potatoes by tobacco if the infestation of tobacco has been more severe in such cases than where different rotation was followed; grow potatoes as far as possible from tobacco fields.

## HORSE THIEF IS PARTICULAR.

Lebanon, Ky.—Someone who evidently is difficult to please entered the barn of Edward Clark and stole a horse, a saddle and a bridle. After riding horseback a while the thief became tired and decided to change his mode of travel. At the barn of Mrs. Kate Glazebrook, a thief secured a set of harness and hitched the horse to one of Mrs. Glazebrook's buggies. A few miles further out the road the barn of Dave Hourigan was entered. There buggies were swapped, the man leaving the one belonging to Mrs. Glazebrook and taking one owned by Mr. Hourigan.

## HOME WRECKED BY EXPLOSION.

Covington, Ky.—An explosion of gas wrecked the rear of the home of F. H. Behrens. The entire back wall of the second floor and part of the side wall were blown out. Bricks were hurled 100 feet, damaging other houses. Mrs. Behrens and her two children were thrown from their beds in the front part of the house, but escaped serious injury.

## CORONER KILLED IN TAYLOR.

Campbellsville, Ky.—Lyle Matthews, coroner of Taylor county, was killed, and Charles Hays, a deputy, was seriously injured as a result of shots fired by Clevis and William Murray, it is charged. The shooting was the result of an attempt to dispossess the Murphys of the farm they occupied, which was recently sold to settle an estate.

## WOULD-BE SUITORS PESTS.

Winchester, Ky.—Since the appearance recently of a picture and sketch of Miss Sadie Belle Flynn, of Winchester, it having been stated in the sketch that Miss Flynn had been bequeathed \$25,000 upon the death of her benefactress, she has been annoyed by "love letters" from "mashers" and fortune hunters throughout the country.

## SECOND DEATH FROM FIGHT.

Nicholasville, Ky.—James Bishop died in the county jail from the wounds he received in a fight at Wilmore. He was shot in the head. Bishop and his father, Boone Bishop, are alleged to have attacked Steve Saline and Robert Gorum, Gorum being killed. James Bishop was shot through the head.

## STOVE BURST, THREE HURT.

Versailles, Ky.—Oran H. Moore, a merchant, was burning trash in a stove when an explosion took place, and Moore, Luke Searcy and Clarence Dotson were seriously hurt. Moore was cut in the right eye and his right destroyed. It is supposed the trash thrown into the stove contained a dynamite cap.

## HORSE TRAINER IS KILLED.

Louisville, Ky.—Robert McKinley, 39 years old, a trotting-horse trainer, was stabbed to death by "Billy" Williams, 45 years old, a blacksmith, at the state fair grounds. The killing followed an argument over a bill.

## FARMERS' CLUB ORGANIZED.

Elkton, Ky.—J. C. Baldwin, county farm demonstrator, has organized a farmers' club here with a charter membership of more than forty.

## HONOR DONE EDUCATOR

House Committee Lauds the Work of Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart.

Louisville, Ky.—Kentuckians interested in education are proud of the honor accorded Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, of Morehead, by the house committee on education in a report to congress. The successful work of Mrs. Stewart in eradicating illiteracy from Rowan county through the medium of moonlight schools for adults is described, and she is pronounced one of the greatest educators of the United States. The report was in connection with the Lever bill for a commission to investigate illiteracy in the United States and study methods for its elimination. In reporting this bill the committee described the work of Mrs. Stewart in Rowan county as the best example of the possibilities of ending illiteracy.

## DELIVERY IS STOPPED

Tobacco Buyers Said To Have Lost Heavily in Marketing Weed.

Williamstown, Ky.—A local firm of tobacco dealers, who purchased about 500,000 pounds of burley tobacco in the north end of this county last fall before the tobacco was housed, have notified the growers from whom they purchased that they will be unable to receive any more of the crop, as their losses have been heavy. Their entire purchase averaged about 16 cents per pound, and has been bringing them about 11 cents, less the cost of shipping and selling, or averaging a loss of about 4 cents on the pound. They have received about half of their purchase.

## CONTEST FOR JAIL DECIDED.

Manchester, Ky.—The long drawn-out contest between H. B. Marcum and Joseph Lewis over the jailer's office in Clay county was decided in favor of the contestee, Joseph Lewis. Marcum was declared the legal Republican nominee in a hotly contested primary election. Lewis then filed a petition and ran independently. There was but a slight difference between the vote, but Lewis was given the election certificate. Marcum instituted a contest and on an official recount of the ballot Lewis won by fourteen majority.

## KILLED BY CINDER FUMES.

Maysville, Ky.—Albert Atkins, 23, of Maysville, met death in a peculiar manner near Garretson. In company with his brother, Louis Atkins, and Robert Ford, he was seeking employment. Overtaken by nightfall the three men lay down on a large heap of ashes and cinders dumped from engines. During the night a train crew discovered the men, all of whom were overcome with fumes from the warm ashes. They rendered first aid and Louis Atkins and Ford were restored to consciousness, but Albert Atkins died.

## WOMAN'S JURY DISAGREES.

Carlisle, Ky.—The trial of Elizabeth Booker in the Nicholas circuit court on a charge of murder resulted in a hung jury. The defendant was accused of shooting and killing George Price. Her defense was that she was awakened by a noise, mistook Price for a burglar and fired the shot that killed him.

## ODD GROUNDS OF ACTION.

Bowling Green, Ky.—Suit for \$10,000 damages has been brought in the Warren circuit court by H. J. Briggs against the L. & N. The plaintiff alleges that while he was employed by the Simpson county Limestone company at its plant an engine and several cars ran into the plant causing some machinery to fall and cripple him.

## SUITS AGAINST "DUMPERS."

Hopkinsville, Ky.—At a meeting of the Christian county branch of the Planters' Protective association W. T. Fowler, its attorney was instructed to bring suit against all members who had sold tobacco pledged to the organization.

## EXPLOSION KILLS TWO MEN.

Manchester, Ky.—Robert Hayre and Farris Pennington were killed. Thomas Hayre and his 11-year-old son, Dan Cox, and Robert Hampton were injured, all probably fatally in a boiler explosion at the mill of Thomas Hayre, near Urban.

## DEATON CHARGES PERJURY.

Winchester, Ky.—Fletcher Deaton, when told in the county jail of the action of the court of appeals in sustaining his conviction for the murder of Ed Callahan, still maintained he was convicted on perjured testimony.

## A NEW COALING PLANT.

Paris, Ky.—Plans have been perfected by the L. & N. for the expenditure of \$45,000 for a coaling plant to replace that in the south yards here. It will have a capacity of 12,500 tons and three engines can be coaled simultaneously. Equipment will be installed to unload coal as well as to convey from the hoppers to the chutes. The L. & N. uses 900 tons of coal daily at the local coaling station and this amount will be greatly increased within the next few months.

## OUTLAWS CAUGHT

TO BE PUBLICLY EXECUTED IN JUAREZ—AMERICANS INVITED TO WITNESS KILLING.

Bandit Castillo and His Gang Captured at a Ranch—Accused of Causing Train Horror.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

El Paso, Texas.—Maximo Castillo and his band of outlaws were captured at Gabalin ranch by a detachment of rebel soldiers, under command of Maj. Saramago, who came up from El Valle, according to a report brought by courier. The whole band will be brought to Casas Grandes, it is stated. Gen. Castillo was previously reported to be hiding in the vicinity of the ranch and constitutionalist soldiers from Madera, Pearson, Casas Grandes and El Valle have been pursuing him. When Gen. Villa heard of the capture he said: "I hope it is true. If it is the entire band will be brought to Juarez and publicly executed. Every American and every citizen of Mexico will be invited to attend the execution."

## MOB ATTACKS JAPANESE HOUSE.

Tokyo.—A riotous mob attacked the Japanese house of parliament. It was driven back by the police only after the entrance gates had been broken down and scores of persons injured. The rioting followed a big mass meeting at which resolutions were adopted to impeach the cabinet for its attitude in connection with the graft charges against Japanese naval officers, several of whom are accused of having received commissions for influencing the awarding of admiralty contracts in favor of a German firm.

## DESTROYER BREAKS RECORD.

Washington.—A new record for long-distance steaming has been established by the new torpedo boat destroyer Alwyn, which reported to the Navy Department the completion of the 1,400 mile voyage from Newport, R. I., to Guantanamo, Cuba, in 69 hours. The destroyer is commanded by Lieutenant Commander Palmer, until recently aid to the Secretary of the Navy.

## FIVE REPORTED DROWNED.

New Orleans, La.—It is reported that five persons were drowned when the river packet Gem burned in the Mississippi river at Hahnville, 40 miles up the river. A long-distance telephone message from Frederick Ketchum, who said he was a mate on the Gem, said the identity or exact number of those drowned could not be determined.

## CINCINNATI MARKETS

Corn—New corn is quoted as follows: No. 2 white 70¢@71¢, No. 3 white 69¢@70¢, No. 4 white 65¢@66¢, No. 2 yellow 62¢@63¢, No. 3 yellow 65¢@66¢, No. 4 mixed 64¢@65¢, mixed ear 64¢@65¢, white ear 64¢@65¢, yellow ear 64¢@65¢.

Hay—No. 1 timothy \$18, standard timothy \$17, No. 2 timothy \$16, No. 3 timothy \$14, No. 1 clover mixed \$15, No. 2 clover mixed \$13, No. 1 clover \$14.50@14.75, No. 2 clover \$12.50@13.

Oats—No. 2 white 43¢@44¢, standard white 43¢@44¢, No. 3 white 42¢@43¢, No. 4 white 40¢@41¢, No. 2 mixed 41¢@42¢, No. 3 mixed 40¢@41¢, No. 4 mixed 38¢@39¢.

Wheat—No. 2 red 98¢@99¢, No. 3 red 96¢@97¢, No. 4 red 84¢@94¢.

Poultry—Hens, 5 lbs and over, 16¢; 3½ lbs and over, 15¢; young stags, 12¢; roosters, 11¢; springers, under 2½ lbs, 18¢; springers, 2½ lbs and over, 17¢; spring ducks, white, 4 lbs and over, 16¢; ducks, under 4 lbs, 15¢; turkeys, toms, old, 19¢; young turkeys, 9 lbs and over, 19¢.

Eggs—Prime firsts 25¢, firsts 24¢, ordinary firsts 23¢, seconds 22¢.

Cattle—Shippers \$6.75@8.35; butcher steers, extra \$7.85@8, good to choice \$6.85@7.75, common to fair \$5.70@6.75; heifers, extra \$7.50@7.85, good to choice \$6.50@7.40, common to fair \$4.75@6.25; cows, extra \$6.25@6.50, good to choice \$5.50@6.15, common to fair \$3.75@5.25, canners \$3@4.50.

Bulls—Bologna \$6@7, fat bulls \$6.50@7.

Calves—Extra \$11, fair to good \$8.50@10.75, common and large \$5.75@10.50.

Hogs—Selected heavy \$8.80@8.85, good to choice packers and butchers \$8.80@8.85, mixed packers \$8.75@8.80; stags \$4.75@7.50, extra \$7.60@7.75, common to choice heavy fat sows \$6@8.30, extra \$8.35, light sows \$8@8.85, pigs (110 lbs and less) \$6@7.85.

Sheep—Extra \$4.90@5, good to choice \$4.35@4.85, common to fair \$2.75@4.25.

Lambs—Extra \$8.10@8.15, good to choice \$7.50@8.10, common to fair \$6@7.40, clipped lambs \$6.50@7.35.

## FLYING MACHINES COLLIDE.

Johannisthal, Germany.—A midair collision between a biplane and a monoplane over the aerodrome here caused the death of one German aviator and serious injuries to two others. Gerhard Sedlmayer, an experienced aviator, was flying his biplane, carrying as his passenger Lieut. Leonhardt, of the German army. Both machines fell, and when the man was extracted from the wreckage it was found that Degner was dead and the other two were gravely hurt.